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TO : Mr. Cochran

FROM : J. J. McDermott

DATE: 11/3/75

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST OF JIM LESAR AND ERNEST S. LEISER OF CBS NEWS

Re letter of Jim Lesar dated April 15, 1975, and September 5, 1975, letter of Ernest S. Leiser, copies attached.

Captioned requesters have appealed the denial of requested information regarding documents relating to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee. To fully evaluate the legality of withholding the requested information under the FOIA, the U. S. Department of Justice, Freedom of Information Appeals Unit, has requested the Bureau to gather information pertinent to the requests.

Captioned requests are being handled concurrently by the Department of Justice, Freedom of Information Appeals Unit, and due to time pressures in this matter, it is requested the following recommendations be handled as expeditiously as possible.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

EX-116
REC-69 ... 60028X

The Laboratory Division forward to the FOIPA Section, Files and Communications Division, the requested documents with any comments and/or recommendations, particularly those which would concern the dissemination of Bureau information or information which has been the subject of affidavits or court testimony.

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